

## EPC RECOMMENDATIONS

---

City of Albuquerque  
Planning Department  
Development Review Division  
P.O. Box 1293  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

City of Albuquerque, CIP  
P.O. Box 1293  
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Date: March 18, 2005

### **OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF DECISION**

**FILE: Project # 1002358\***  
05EPC-00187 SPR Special Planning Request

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: CIP, agents for CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE/CIP request the above action for as required by CIP Ordinance, this request is for EPC to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2005 GO Bond Program & 2005-2014 Decade Plan

On March 17, 2005 the Environmental Planning Commission voted to recommend approval to the Mayor of Project 1002358/05EPC 00187, Decade Plan, based on the following Findings:

#### **FINDINGS:**

1. This "Special Project Review" case is a request for review and comment by the public and for recommendations from the Environmental Planning Commission on the Mayor's proposed Decade Plan 2005-2014 and General Obligation Bond Program for the 2005 biennium.
2. This program furthers the intent, Goals and policies of the Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan.
3. This program conforms to the requirements of R-04-33; Enactment 24-2004 establishing policies and criteria for the selection of capital projects for the 2005 general obligation bond program / 2004-2014 Decade Plan.
4. The Urban Enhancement Trust Fund program conforms to the requirements of RoA, Article 2; Section 4-2-1-1 et seq.

## EPC RECOMMENDATIONS

---

IF YOU WISH TO APPEAL/PROTEST THIS DECISION, YOU MUST DO SO BY APRIL 1, 2005 IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED BELOW. A NON REFUNDABLE FILING FEE WILL BE CALCULATED AT THE LAND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION COUNTER AND IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME THE APPEAL IS FILED. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO APPEAL EPC RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL; RATHER, A FORMAL PROTEST OF THE EPC'S RECOMMENDATION CAN BE FILED WITHIN THE 15 DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING THE EPC'S DECISION.

Appeal to the City Council: Persons aggrieved with any determination of the Environmental Planning Commission acting under this ordinance and who have legal standing as defined in Section 14 16 4 4.B.2 of the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive Zoning Code may file an appeal to the City Council by submitting written application on the Planning Department form to the Planning Department within 15 days of the Planning Commission's decision. The date the determination in question is issued is not included in the 15 day period for filing an appeal, and if the fifteenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday as listed in the Merit System Ordinance, the next working day is considered as the deadline for filing the appeal. The City Council may decline to hear the appeal if it finds that all City plans, policies and ordinances have been properly followed. If they decide that all City plans, policies and ordinances have not been properly followed, they shall hear the appeal. Such appeal, if heard, shall be heard within 45 days of its filing.

YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION IF ANY PERSON FILES AN APPEAL. IF THERE IS NO APPEAL, YOU CAN RECEIVE BUILDING PERMITS AT ANY TIME AFTER THE APPEAL DEADLINE QUOTED ABOVE, PROVIDED ALL CONDITIONS IMPOSED AT THE TIME OF APPROVAL HAVE BEEN MET. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT OTHER REGULATIONS OF THE CITY MUST BE COMPLIED WITH, EVEN AFTER APPROVAL OF THE REFERENCED APPLICATION(S).

Successful applicants should be aware of the termination provisions for Site Development Plans specified in Section 14-16-3-11 of the Comprehensive Zoning Code. Generally plan approval is terminated 7 years after approval by the EPC.

Sincerely,

Richard Dineen  
Planning Director

RD/BT/ac

cc: Janet Saiers, 1622 Propps NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112  
Sandra P. Richardson, 6920 Sandalwood Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111-1042

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

### **2. Project # 1002358\***

05EPC-00187 SPR Special Planning Request

CIP, agents for CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE/CIP request the above action for as required by CIP Ordinance, this request is for EPC to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2005 GO Bond Program & 2005-2014 Decade Plan.

**(RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO THE MAYOR)**

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Pat Montoya, CIP  
Barbara Taylor, CIP  
Michael Reardon, Transportation  
Susan Johnson, City Council  
Richard Harding, DMD

#### **PERSON PRESENT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS REQUEST:**

Janet Saiers, 1622 Propps NE  
Sandra Richardson, 6920 Sandalwood Pl. NE

#### **THERE WAS NO ONE PRESENT TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF THIS REQUEST:**

MR. MONTTOYA: Good morning Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission and happy Saint Patricks Day. My name is Pat Montoya and I am the Capital Implementation Program Official with the City of Albuquerque with the Department of Municipal Development.

On behalf of the Mayor, we appreciate the opportunity to present the 2005 Capital Program. As you probably know, the CIP Ordinance requires that the Mayor forward a ten-year plan to the EPC every two years. EPC in turn, is required to hold a public hearing and forward comments and recommendations to the Mayor. The meeting today fulfills that requirement.

Joining me today I would like to recognize our new department Director John Castillo with DMD. Barbara Taylor, Manager of the Capital Planning section of CIP. And I would like to recognize Donna Prieto-Altamirano, one of the individuals in our office that works very hard in putting all of this material together in order to make these sort of presentations to the committee.

This morning we have a very brief presentation for you and we would like to give you the opportunity to forgo that if you choose because we know you have a long agenda and go straight to questions from the various departments but that will be your call Mr. Chairman. In any event we would like to recap that the '05 program for you and we do have staff from CIP and DMD as well as department directors or key staff from those departments that will answer any specific questions you have regarding any of the projects that are identified in the 2005 CIP Decade Plan. With that I would like to give you the opportunity to let us continue or go straight to question and answer.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: How would the Commission like to hear that? Would you like it in detail, a summary and then we ask questions? What is your preference?

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: I think a summary is good. Just a summary of the overall budget and then move right on to questions.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: I think we are in agreement on that.

MS. TAYLOR: Good morning Mr. Chairman, my name is Barbara Taylor, I am the manager of Capital Planning and I have had the pleasure to work for Pat. I have some very short summary comments.

This document, which was attached to your staff report, is for your use I am just going to summarize the contents here. This document contains the 2005 General Obligation Bond Program, which is the biggest piece. It has the 2005-2014 Decade Plan for G.O. bond funded Capital Improvements. There are summary tables for the component Capital Improvement Program which has been reviewed by the Impact Fee Committee; the Metropolitan Redevelopment Fund, which has oversight by the Albuquerque Development Commission; the Consolidated Plan, which has been reviewed by the Albuquerque Citizen Team. It includes the Enterprise Fund Capital Programs for the Aviation Department and the Solid Waste Management Department. And last but not least the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund Program, is included and it was reviewed and recommended to the Mayor by the appointed UETF citizens committee.

The Enterprise Fund Capital Programs, UETF and the CCIP receive final approval from the City Council. The General Obligation Bond Program, after review and approval by the City Council will be placed on the ballot for voter consideration.

In your packets we included some summary tables that look this and it was part of the staff report, part of the packet. And just to go through that very quickly the total general obligation bond program this year will be about \$120 million dollars. About 97% of the G.O. Bond Programs is proposed for rehabilitation and deficiency correction projects. And key projects include \$5 million dollars for marked police vehicles; this is part of an ongoing effort and it supplements the ¼ cents funds. Slightly more than \$4 million dollars is proposed to finish the Japanese Garden and begin the South Pacific Ocean Experience exhibit at the Bio Park. The South Pacific Ocean experience is also known as the dive tank. There is \$2.2 million dollars proposed for North Domingo Baca Community Center and we are expecting that there will be legislative funds to supplement that. \$1 million dollars is proposed to continue the effort to revitalize the Trumbull/La Mesa area. There are various important park projects including the on going renovation of Pat Hurley Park and Roosevelt Park and there is about \$2.5 million dollars proposed for that. Improvements at Balloon Fiesta Park are funded at about \$5 million. Open Space land acquisition at just under \$4 million and important water conservation projects both in parks and medians funded at about \$2.25 million. And finally it is proposed that streets, the whole package of streets receive a little over \$26 million. This is slightly below the level of funding in previous years but when combined with the 2004 G.O. Bond Programs streets will a total of about \$78 million over three years.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

So Mr. Chairman, Commissioners that is my sprint through the \$120 million dollar capital program and we will be pleased to answer any questions that you may have for us.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Well and thank you for a great presentation in terms of the material you provided. I went into reading this with some trepidation because I saw how thick it was and quite frankly really enjoyed reading it because it was a lot of interesting and exciting projects.

MS. TAYLOR: Well thank you very much Mr. Chairman and I want to reiterate what Pat said Donna Prieto-Altamirano who works for us puts this material together and does a great job. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Certainly did. I have some questions but I would like to see if the Commissioners have any. Commissioner Jesionowski.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ms. Taylor I guess I am looking at this the one thing I do not have is history to compare this to. So in looking at this years budget I do not know how it compares to two years ago budget. So I am a businessman I like to look at trends and I just cannot see that trend. I have nothing to bench the \$120 million dollars off so that is comment number one.

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Jesionowski did you get a...

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: ...okay there it is, okay good...

MS. TAYLOR: ...a 2003 and 2005 comparison...

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: So then my next question would be in looking at this and looking at the trends that you have here forecasted for future years and I guess that would be on page eight the G.O. Bond summary and you are looking at the different departments we go from \$31 million to \$70 million, the 2005 versus the next ten years. So on page eight the G.O. Bonds summary and it goes the department divisions and under community facilities it shows this year, which is \$31 million, which ties into the sheet that you have here. But then that \$31 million for 2005 jumps to \$70 million in 2007. And then if I go down those lines I did not take the time to add them up but the \$13 million for Cultural Services jumps from \$13 million to \$29 million and Environmental Health jumps from \$400 thousand to \$3.7 million. It looks like all of those numbers are going up and I do not have any total for 2007. So my question to you is that first of all what is the total for 2007? It is not in here. And secondly where are we going with that. I mean are we realistic in assuming that our bonding capacity is going to expand to that level to be able to handle those types of items.

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Jesionowski I understand the question. I think one thing I would like to say to answer it is that when we began the planning process last year for the 2005 cycle we received from the departments requests for projects in excess of \$200 million dollars. We asked the departments to identify—this is a needs based program and what we asked the departments to do is to identify their critical needs. If we open that up completely we can probably have another \$100 million dollars. So in the out years you are clearly seeing totals that will tend to exceed our ability to fund them. Part of the planning process is to pair these down to the critical

needs that we can fund. So in 2007 and 2009 you are seeing numbers that we probably will not be able to fund. We anticipate that the capacity will be—were down a little this year but at a level of about \$130 million per cycle for the next three or four cycles. With growth that number will probably go up some but that is the basic planning number.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: So 2007 and beyond is the wish list?

MS. TAYLOR: Yes sir.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: It is everybody's wish list and then it is going to be up to you to figure out what the bonding capacity is and then pair it down to be whatever the bonding capacity is in the future years.

MS. TAYLOR: Correct.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: Is this the chance where we have an opportunity to put a pencil through anything that we want and get all the things in our neighborhood corrected? Just joking.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Is that it?

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: That's it.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Commissioner Valenzuela.

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: I actually can on that note I actually was going to—I am just kind of curious more a question more than anything on page thirty-six and on page thirty-nine there is some allocations for sidewalk improvements and then on page thirty seven there is a Coors Boulevard widening. I was just kind of curious between Quail on Coors, between Quail and Saint Josephs there is no sidewalks there and I was just kind of curious does this include some kind of sidewalks in that area.

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Valenzuela we have Mike Riordan here from Streets and I think I am going to let him answer that question for you.

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: Okay.

MR. RIORDAN: Good morning Michael Riordan from the Transportation Division Manager and happy Saint Patrick Day. On Coors between Quail and Saint Josephs right now as you know the DOT is working on a project to improve the interchange. As part of that we recently got a little more funding for the intersection of Quail from the Federal Bill. And as part of that if that does not include sidewalks the sidewalk improvement money can certainly be used for that. It is not directly set-aside for that but it is a general fund project in the Coors widening project. Either one of those could be used for that.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: Okay. I mean if it is being presented to us as a suggestion I mean I would like to suggest there is currently no sidewalks on either side and so most especially on the east side of Coors between Quail and Saint Josephs there is just sidewalks at all. So I mean if I can make suggestion I would do that. My second and last question is to the Impact Fee Committee, are they here?

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Valenzuela, Susan Johnson is here from Council Services to address that.

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: Okay. Morning Ms. Johnson.

MS. JOHNSON: Good morning Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: Just a quick question under the information that was given to us the first of March under parks it states that requested the money for new parks identified for the Volcano Northwest service area will be designated for the Sundoro South. For the Volcano Northwest is there feature plans for that or is that just being eliminated now?

MS. JOHNSON: Excuse me Mr. Chairman, Commissioner I am not sure what you mean about the future plans and being eliminated. I think these are additions.

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: Well it states here that Parks staff has requested that the new park money identified for the Volcano Northwest Service Area be designated for the Sundoro South and Aseo Park which will be built by a developer and there may be credit to him. Does that mean that the Northwest Volcano Northwest will no longer have a park or is that in the future?

MS. JOHNSON: No, I understand your question now and excuse my confusion. In the Component CIP that is funded by impact fees there was and still is in yours I think a designation of new park for the Volcano Northwest Area. Between the time that designation was made and put into the CCIP Parks has said oh I think we know where we want those to go. So it just wants to take away that label new parks, which is very general, and identify two parks in Volcano Northwest where that money should be spent.

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: Okay but is in the same area though?

MS. JOHNSON: It is in the same area.

COMMISSIONER VALENZUELA: Thank you.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Ms. Johnson while you are up I would like to ask something on that same committee report. Referring to the police area command station where it says that the IFC believes that no impact fees should be used to achieve the leed status. Could you explain that?

MS. JOHNSON: Yes Mr. Chairman I would be happy to address that. We also have people here from Police who can add to that if you wish. Police made a presentation and were questioned about the cost of that sixth area command and in the course of that presentation Mr. Turpin told the committee that it was going to be designated a lead building and would cost—there would be an additional cost because if you spend money at the beginning you have a more efficient building as it goes along.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Right.

MS. JOHNSON: The committee felt that that was something that wasn't a matter—it wasn't caused by growth because that extra expenditure was not caused by growth and wasn't really justified so the amount of money that is in there for making it a very environmentally sound building the committee objected to.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: I see. Well then and maybe Ms. Taylor needs to answer this but if you know the answer I see that in the funding summary it provides for one percent for energy conservation \$1.2 million would that be available to apply to that? Is that how that works?

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, the one percent for energy conservation fund is a result of an ordinance that was passed in the last cycle and it has a committee that evaluates requests from various departments for innovative energy solutions. For example we purchased some hybrid automobiles. So it is not really generally available for anybody's building project. I mean any of us building a community center or a police station or whatever would like to be able to tap into that money. It is rather for specific projects that we propose based on energy conservation savings are. A thing that has been done for example is that I believe that money was used to change out red stoplights to led lights which give us orders of magnitude longer life and save significant sums of money.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: So how would that differ from using that same fund to help with the differential in achieving a leed standard which also brings about energy conservation?

MS. TAYLOR: An application could be made to the committee for some particular aspect that contributes to making it a green building.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: So that is an avenue that is available?

MS. TAYLOR: That is right.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Okay.

MS. TAYLOR: But you could not monopolize the whole energy conservation money; you couldn't put that into the whole building. That would defeat the purpose.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Sure but to fund that difference.



## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

MS. TAYLOR: Right.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you. Mr. Montoya.

MR. MONTOYA: Just a point of information on that building. Two years ago Councilor Payne had mandated that a committee be set up and that one of the future projects be selected as a leed project. So a committee was established, there were four projects that were selected and of the four one of those was chosen and it was the sixth area command. The responsibility was then to report back to City Council which building would be determined to be the leed building for the City of Albuquerque. And so the mandate from Council was to designate but there was no money attached with the understanding that we would look within the current program to see if we can come up with additional funding. Somewhere in the neighborhood of about twenty-five percent in what the additional cost would be in order to meet all of the lead standards. But that is how this building was selected; it was a mandate from Council a couple of years ago. Councilor Payne and that is the building that we have chosen.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: If I can just say that a year ago I attended a American Planning Association meeting in Washington DC and went on a tour of a building in Arlington across the river that was built that way and people would just gloat over that as a place to work. Increase productivity, reduce maintenance and operating costs and such so I am glad to see that and I hope that there are other programs to encourage that.

MR. MONTOYA: Mr. Chairman, CIP has contacted Roy and asked if we could have offices there when they get it built so we plan to move in.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Could you just explain and make sure that everybody here knows what the lead standard is so that everybody knows what we are talking about.

MR. MONTOYA: Let me defer that question to Richard Harding he is pretty familiar with leed better than I am and he can explain that. Put our deputy director on the spot.

MR. HARDING: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I am Richard Harding with the Department of Municipal Development. There are several aspects of leed. Leadership and energy efficient design, energy environmental design I am sorry. And there are several aspects there is silver, gold there is a bunch of different stages and depending on what type of energy efficiency projects you design into the project you have square ratings that tell you what certificate or what level you will get regarding that certification, leed certification. So there really is a bunch of different things, it is a very big process. You have to have certified leed inspectors that actually go out there and tell you what your certification is. If you design for silver—the criteria is less than it would be for gold. And there is a certified inspector that comes out there and reviews it, sees if you met the criteria and then they provide you with your certification.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: So beyond getting the actual efficiencies that accrue from that is there anything else that the city benefits from in terms of getting that certification?

MR. HARDING: Well yes you know anything we do with energy saves the environment, pollution, reduction in tonnage in CO2 or carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide and all these other contaminants and plus we manage to maintain our electrical bills right at \$17 million dollars for the last five years. That is very good. And anything we do to these facilities to make sure that we keep that certain trend I mean it benefits all of us.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Sure, okay, great well thank you very much. Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: I have a question of Susan Johnson.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Commissioner Jesionowski.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: You didn't think you would get by that easy did you?

MS. JOHNSON: One can hope.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: Okay we had all this talabue over impact fees and we come up with these big numbers in the Southwest and Northwest Mesa. I look over here in 2005 and nada. There is no—on the CCIP—why is that? Is that a good question?

MS. JOHNSON: It is a good question. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman, we were careful not to program more money into the early years then we were going to receive because impact fees will be phased in. There are no impact fees at all in the first half of 2005. In the second half of 2005 they are being charged at thirty-four percent of their established value or cost. In 2006 they are being charged at sixty-seven percent of their established value or cost. So it won't be until 2007 that we are actually generating the revenues that can pay for these projects in significant amounts. We will get a little bit of money, not very much in 2005 from impact fees because we are only getting a third of what should really be being charged. That was a compromise position taken by the City Council.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: I understand, I think that is a good explanation. So when the impact fees are paid you have a thousand lot subdivision in 2006—I am sorry a hundred-lot subdivision on the Southwest Mesa 2006 you are going to pay \$800 thousand dollars in impact fees for that particular subdivision. Then how do those money's, they are applied to certain components within this budget or what? How does that work?

MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Jesionowski, they are applied in the order in which the projects come up unless a developer wants to go ahead and build them and get credits for them. So they are applied to the specific projects that are identified for that service area in which they were collected. And we have them programmed over time so that probably the first thing—the earliest things built will be the things that appear earliest on the CCIP. And the CCIP is a component CIP that is what it stands for. Does that answer your question?

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: I think so. I think I'm starting to understand now because if you look at these numbers just over time they start—I guess they don't get bigger do they?

MS. JOHNSON: They should. They should be very much less going on as you noted in 2005 and a little more in 2007 and then when you get to the 2009 timeframe we are expecting to be charging at a hundred percent of the value of the fees. We are expecting the market to rebound and after everyone not doing anything for a while.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: So is the CCIP part of the CIP?

MS. JOHNSON: It is a component, yes it is.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: It is.

MS. JOHNSON: I am sorry let me rephrase that it is a component of the decade plan. And it is a different source of revenue for capital improvements than the G.O. Bond Program. The CIP is the G.O. Bond Program and I am really not the expert on this I am probably going to ask the expert to speak to this or say it more clearly than I am.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: So the CCIP is not included in this summary?

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman that summary that you just held up is the summary of the General Obligation Bond Program. But biennially we are asked in the CIP Ordinance to pull together in one place all the components of the Capital Program of which the general obligation program is part and metropolitan redevelopment funds and enterprise funds. And now as a consequence of impact fee legislation the Component Capital Improvement Plan and what Ms. Johnson just said is exactly right it is a component of the capital program.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: Okay.

MS. TAYLOR: It is a funding source.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: Okay so the CCIP doesn't really have an affect on the bonding capacity of the city?

MS. TAYLOR: That is correct it does not.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: Okay because we collect those monies and then those monies are going to be earmarked for whatever projects might be put on this budget. Now I understand.

MS. TAYLOR: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: I do not think I ever really understood that. It is scary isn't it?

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: I do have a follow up for either one of you and I talked to Ms. Johnson earlier about this. What the impact would be if the State Legislature intervenes in our impact fee program and made that go away. What does that do to these programs?

MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, it has no impact on the G.O. Bond CIP. It poses an interesting dilemma for the city in terms of financing the infrastructure that is required for growth but we have been financing that infrastructure for years now through exactions and I suppose what would happen is that we would go back to that process until everything got sorted out.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: So dollar wise it may be similar but on an exaction case-by-case basis.

MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman I probably wouldn't speculate on that on dollar wise but I will say in answer to your first question that it will have no influence on the G.O. Bond CIP.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: I have a few questions also. First of all what were the measures taken to distribute this information on the budget to the public?

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman thank you for the question. In the last two cycles we have been able to put everything that is in that book on the web page. Everything.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: And do people know to look for it?

MS. TAYLOR: We have tried—we notified the Office of Neighborhood Coordination to let people know. I actually was out and about last summer before talking to neighborhoods before the 2004 election advising people that this information is available on the web page. It is not perfect yet but I think we are reaching a wider audience more efficiently then we have in the past.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: So you get a sense from feedback that the word is getting out.

MS. TAYLOR: I do get telephone calls that I didn't use to get. Some asking me questions about the program, some asking how to navigate through the web page.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you. Secondly on page four, table two, at the bottom it refers to mandated and proposed '05 numbers. And would you explain what that means, the difference is and why sometimes the proposed is less than the mandated.

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman we begin this process with a Resolution that we sort of short hand call the criteria resolution that establishes criteria for the program. And in that resolution there were mandated vehicles set aside. This is primarily important for marked police vehicles and for parks and recreation vehicles as a term of art, it is also the big maintenance trucks and mowers and so on.

This cycle, the 2005 cycle the program is \$10 million dollars beneath what it was proposed to be in 2003. It started in 2003 at \$130 and the hard fact is that some very difficult decisions needed to be made in order to get the program to fit the available funding. And so we did go in to the mandated

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

amounts and reduced them. It was really the only choice that we had in order to conform it to the amount of money available.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: So where does the mandate arise from?

MS. TAYLOR: Well it was the criteria resolution laid out these amounts for vehicles.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Okay that is a self-imposed mandate.

MS. TAYLOR: That is correct.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: They are not going to haul you off?

MS. TAYLOR: Oh no they are not going to arrest me.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Commissioner Klebesadel.

COMMISSIONER KLEBESADEL: In connection with that same question I do notice that the Environmental Health Animal Services the proposed budget is \$50 thousand dollars higher than the mandated budget. How did we determine that?

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Klebesadel Environmental Health mandate was for animal service vehicles. They have in addition some vehicles just for people just to get around town to monitor well sites that were apparently really really bad and so they asked for slightly more money in order to replace some of those vehicles.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Next I noticed the list of members of the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund committee, citizen committee and noticed there are quite a number of vacancies in there and I wonder if there is efforts to fill that since it seems like it is to the advantage of the city to have that input.

MS. TAYLOR: We will let Pat have that one.

MR. MONTROYA: Actually that is perfect lead and I would like to recognize Karen Rudd who is the staff person for UETF and was instrumental in working with the committee over the summer to put the package and the program together that is in this booklet for UETF. Let me just take a stab at answering that question. We have advised the Mayor's Office of our vacancies and each of our members on UETF has a two year term with a four year limit and I believe we have currently we have eight—we have nine members and we have two vacancies but we have contacted the administration. The process for the UETF just so you know what that is we ask each Councilor to recommend an individual from the Council District. That recommendation goes up to the Mayor's Office, the Mayor then reviews the applicants resume and then makes a recommendation to the full Council so the UETF is appointed by the full Council by the recommendation of the Mayor. There is nine members and then two at large members and those individuals are chosen by the Mayor but we have advised—I mean it has not hampered our ability to do work on a daily basis but it is an ongoing issue of keeping vacancies as members terms expire. We have the same situation with the Arts Board where we have eleven members, two are going off the Board in July and recommendations have

gone up to the Mayor's Office for selection. And that process is a little bit different, the Councilor recommends two individuals to the Mayor; the Mayor selects one of those individuals and then sends that name back to the full Council for recommendation. But it has not just for reassurances it has not hampered our ability to do work on a daily basis.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you. On page eleven on the upgrade of Civic Plaza I would just personally encourage that whatever happens there continue to try and make that more people friendly. It is still kind of just big and open and doesn't really invite people to come in I don't think.

MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: In page seventeen would you explain real quickly the reference to blue-collar email. What is that?

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman I will ask if anybody is here from Finance and Administrative Services, I think it is a central place for blue collar to come in and get email but I am not...

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: ...okay that is fine I don't want to take up a lot of time...

MS. TAYLOR: ...right...

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: ...that is fine it just caught my eye. Page twenty-six my note defers to lighting standards and the bottom of that list I just wanted to ask if in doing those improvements if the city will be trying to implement at least the spirit of what is being tried to be achieved with the lighting, night sky lighting standards so that even though that may not happen right away we are anticipating the basic principals of that.

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman I am going to ask Richard to come up but I believe these are ceiling lights, energy efficient ceiling lights that are made referenced too. Is that right—he is telling me yes.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: All right, any way that is a prelude for later on too. I think we have asked—answered most of what I had here. That is all I have. Any other questions? Commissioner Grout.

COMMISSIONER GROUT: I have one—I do not know if this you, is it Open Space? Do I address that to you?

MS. TAYLOR: You can try me.

COMMISSIONER GROUT: We got \$3 million \$750 thousand dollars on page forty-four is there already areas designated for that money? And which ones are they?

MS. TAYLOR: We will get someone who can do that better than I. Matt Schmaeder is here from Open Space.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Good morning.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

DR. SCHMAEDER: Good morning sir. And Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioner, most of the purchases are in response to sort of urgencies and at this point in time the greatest urgency is land acquisition on the top of the West Mesa because of the rapid growth in the vicinity of the Volcano Cliffs area.

COMMISSIONER GROUT: Is there anything with Manzano Open Space?

DR. SCHMAEDER: At this point in time not really, no.

COMMISSIONER GROUT: Okay.

DR. SCHMAEDER: Because most of the available land acquisition has been accomplished and there is also pending outcomes of some of the final court actions in that area.

COMMISSIONER GROUT: Thank you.

DR. SCMAEDER: I should comment though that there is land acquisition programmed for in the Tijeras Arroyo in Four hills area.

COMMISSIONER GROUT: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Do we have anyone from the public?

MS. CANDELARIA: Janet Saiers.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Do you swear to tell the truth?

MS. SAIERS: Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Name and address for the record please.

MS. SAIERS: Good morning Commissioners, thank you for your...

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: ...name and address for the record please.

MS. SAIERS: I am sorry. My name is Janet Saiers, I live 1622 Propps Northeast, 87112 which is nearby Eubank and Indian School Road and I am actually here just as a common community person not as an elected official. I worked for the Parks and Recreation Department from 1973 til 2002. Briefly I wanted you to understand the Parks and Recreation Department was founded in 1954 so it just had it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a comprehensive department for most of its life until 1992 and that is when the community center branch was split off and became Community and Family Services Department and also the construction was split in 1999. We were reunited but then last year is when the construction and design division was again put with Municipal Development but I wanted you to understand at one in time it was one department where people all were accountable to one person, a director where there was communication because you are part of one department not because you were in a whole a bunch. And I have specific comments on five projects. I wanted to speak in support of the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund Project for the Albuquerque Walking Guide; it is on page sixty-seven. As a volunteer I am with the Albuquerque Tricentennial and there is a lot of projects

in the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund that are going to help the city celebrate its 300<sup>th</sup> birthday which starts on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Balloon Fiesta Park with the opening ceremonies. So I support all of those projects that are in there for Urban Enhancement—especially those one that deal with Albuquerque history.

Page forty-five, the Albuquerque Tennis Complex, I am a volunteer with the Community Tennis Association and the tennis complex has been involved with the Mayors vision of having a Velodrome. And the reconstruction of the Albuquerque Tennis Complex at another location would be because the Velodrome would push that facility out, that is directly north of the football stadium. And someone asked a question about community involvement and how does the community know about these projects. I am working with two tennis groups and we were never officially told in writing by anybody that this one in the CIP. We have been real curious of course we followed it but that probably would have been helpful that a \$1.3 million dollar project would have been communicated officially to groups that the city's aware of or interested.

CHARIMAN DEICHMANN: Let me respond if I may on that because I have an interest in that because I have children that participate in tournaments there and so I was concerned when the velodrome project came along and we heard that and it was publicly advertised and you may have not known about it. About how that would impact that because it will remove I think six courts, a number of them anyway, four but I was assured that there were going to replace those at other locations Gerald Cline which I know they have a lot of tournaments as well. Anyway it is kind of a—it ain't going to be perfect for everybody. I would agree that probably the public notification could have been better because I am with the Tennis Club of Albuquerque and never heard about it from that avenue.

MS. SAIERS: Number three on page forty-four, park renovation. That speaks to water conservation when I left Parks and Recreation three years ago there was about forty playgrounds, play equipment areas and parks that were between bad and really bad and I know a lot of those have been replaced with money from the State Legislature but I was concerned that nowhere in here under park renovation did I see anything that would allow spending for playground renovation. A lot of the playgrounds were put in the late 1960's early '70's and perhaps in the last three years all of those have been corrected but I just was concerned that there was nothing that spoke to play equipment renovation.

Number four, when I used to be involved with CIP we actually had to indicate the names of parks that were going to be involved with projects and I noticed that now the process is more generic which is good it gives you flexibility but to the public it is one thing to just say we are going to spend on money on park development, okay, but that doesn't really let you know as a community person where it is going to be. So the reference is both under Municipal Development and Parks and Recreation are just very generic you don't know where anything is unless it specifies like Roosevelt Park and others.



## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

North Domingo Baca Park, hopefully I will be able to stay for that but I found it interesting that North Domingo Baca Park Master Plan talks about the Municipal Development Department. Well that is fine but it is the Parks and Recreation Department that programs, that interacts with community people, and that maintains parks. So I think we just need to indicate it's a park and recreation project it is not a municipal development engineering and architecture company if you will.

And lastly I have been involved with a group called the New Mexico Survivors of Homicide who have a vision of putting a memorial in a park to provide a place where people can come and remember their love ones who were innocent victims of homicide. And that group is going to be asking each of the nine City Councilors to allocate about ten thousand dollars from out of their million dollars to go towards planning implementing a memorial in a park. Rio Rancho Parks and Recreation did a very nice one, small and appropriate. But I just wanted you all to be aware of that. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your service.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you. Ms. Taylor do you have any quick responses or Mr. Montoya to some of her concerns?

MR. MONTOKA: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission I would like to address at least the tennis complex and then Colleen Frenz is here and might be able to address some of the issues regarding parks. Just very briefly so that we do not go into all of the details but at this point we are still in primarily study and design for the BMX Track and Velodrome out just a little east of the Isotopes Park. There has been no decision made on the number of courts that are going to come out of there. It can be anywhere from a minimum of four courts up to sixteen courts that are to be replaced at that site. We do have in the planning process now adding four additional courts at Jerry Cline Tennis, the complex itself. We just resurfaced the twelve courts that are out there and everybody seems to be very happy with that. One of the things that we are talking about is building a tennis building or a building for the complex itself that would also serve based on Councilor Mayer would like to see is a community—not a community center if you will but just a community place where people can come in and have meetings and those sort of things. It would be a fully enclosed complex the sixteen courts would be completed and enclosed. I think what the Mayor has envisioned here with the \$1.3 million is that we would like to see a complex built on the Westside. There really isn't a full complex anywhere west of the river and that is one of the options that we are pursuing that we would like to look at building sixteen courts so that we would actually end up with two facilities that have sixteen courts that would allow tournaments that require that many courts. But with the Velodrome/BMX site no decision has been made. We are proceeding quickly with the BMX Track that seems to be the one that is within our reach. The Velodrome Track is still in real negotiations with a group and actually citing it on that location there. Colleen is here and I guess maybe she can address...

MS. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman I would like to address the issue about playground renovation. Taking off my planner hat and putting on my project manager hat we have a very large project called the Parks and Recreation Facility Plan which we are inventorying and evaluating the condition of every single parks and recreation facility in the city. The condition to talk specifically about parks, the condition of the park and all of then amenities within the park. A very big piece of that is play areas.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

Where we hope to get to is back to the capital program is to know this is a unique opportunity to zero base what we are doing here to know the condition of every facility that we have out there and to have therefore a fact based plan of short and long term capital improvements. So there has been movement on replacing playgrounds. There are undoubtedly playgrounds that need to be replaced but by the end of the year we will know in detail about all of that.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Great thank you. We have one other speaker.

MS. CANDELARIA: Sandra Richardson.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Swear to tell the truth? Name and address for the record please.

MS. RICHARDSON: My name is Sandra Richardson, I live at 6920 Sandalwood Place Northeast and that is 87111-1042, I add that because we are surrounded by 87109 we are the anomaly. It is really difficult following someone as articulate as Ms. Janet Saiers. I have been working with Janet on the Education Taskforce with the Tricentennial but more importantly she has come to the Parks Board as great resource, I am a member of the Parks Board and the Library Advisory Board. But I am here as a person I wanted to talk on a couple of issues. I do want to support every single point made I just didn't think of them in time. The first one is the community center for the North Domingo Baca Park up in the far northeast heights, it is on page fifteen. My husband, myself and another person when we were beginning to develop the coalition up in District Four that was one of our grass root projects, we have a passion for it. It is not just to have gee we do not have community center, here is what it boils down to. We have a problem in our area; we have many pockets of poverty. We have children at Dennis Chavez Elementary School, EG Ross with high numbers of what we call free and reduced lunches, that is an indicator. Well right now they have no service, they get no service from the city for summer programs, meal sites and so forth. We have been told repeatedly they cannot be served unless we have a community center. So you can understand we have passion to get this done. It is also important because with that same pocket of poverty throughout that area we have a problem with meal sites for seniors. We are working very hard to get this going so that these people can be served and we are really concerned. We have been working very hard because it is pushed out and I am not sure when that is going to get built. All I know is that there are children in school who go through school have no support from the city and they will be out of school probably before it gets built so please please please make sure we support that.

The other issue I did have was regarding parks we really appreciate since Director Jay Hart has come on board. Very articulate and very supportive, gives us a lot of information. Prior to that I kept asking what happens to the playground material that has been removed for whatever reason. We have a park, Heritage Park for instance I still do not know that is going to be addressed. Pieces were taken out I guess for safety reasons, we don't know. But again I have a concern that under I believe it was under Municipal Development the parks it doesn't say where the development is going. I looked specifically. With regard to the library those of you who know me know that I really support libraries. We went up to the legislature to get funding there. I would just say please make sure that you support our libraries. That is a level playing field for children who have no other access to books. That is it.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you Ms Richardson. Just real quickly I do not know if perhaps I am sure you probably talked to Ms. Taylor in the past about how to accelerate that programming for the community centers but if there is anything that you can advise Ms. Taylor or Mr. Montoya on. How does the community get involved in this early on so that when the budge is put in place they have seen some results.

MR. MONTOYA: Are you looking for a response Mr. Chairman? I will give you a quick response. I think the North Domingo Baca is on the radar for this administration. We know it needs to be built. There has been a lot of planning for that park. We have Fire Station Twenty, which is located at that site. We just installed the first art piece in that area there. And plans are progressing if you look in the out years I think we have \$3 million dollars budgeted in seniors to compliment the facility itself. And Colleen can speak to the specifics and we do not want to bore you with all the details but it is a large project. Over thirty-five acres that need to be developed with a proposed community center, the fire station is located there. The area command or mini sub is located there. We are looking at possibly putting Tennis Courts in. So accommodation of things. We hope to benefit from the legislative session. There were several senators and representatives that in a considerable amount of money in their request for North Domingo Baca. We have also lobbied the Governor to put some additional funds from his appropriation for this park. We are trying to put in as much of the fast track as we possibly can with limited funds. So I think that your message back to the Mayor and the administration would be make it happen sooner if we can and we will carry that message back to him.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Maybe I am confused but I guess what I was hearing was that there was other facilities and maybe I misunderstood that that are not being addressed that Ms. Richardson was identifying. Did I misunderstand that? I mean it sounds like this is moving along so maybe I didn't understand your concern.

MS. RICHARDSON: Well I did mention about for instance the playground...

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: ...no about where the children are being subsidized...

MS. RICHARDSON: ...well right now I understand we have been working very closely with...

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: ...on other facilities or this one?

MS. RICHARDSON: Well what we are trying to do is get the community center built because what we have been told...

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: ...this one here?

MS. RICHARDSON: ...yes...

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: ...okay...

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

MS. RICHARDSON: ...you asked the question—see in the meantime there are no services provided to children, none.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Okay it sounds like we are moving forward. I misunderstood and thought that there was some other programming in a different area you were concerned about. Okay. Any other? No that is it. Mr. Montoya and close?

MR. MONTOYA: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission we do appreciate your time this morning to hear our legislative package that goes to City Council within the next two to three weeks. The process for us just after this is that once the Mayor transmits this document to Council they have sixty days to act on that. We anticipate having committee of the whole, which is an opportunity for the departments to come forward with specific projects that they would present to the full Council. It gives the general public the opportunity to speak one more time and then once Council takes action on this the timeframe from that point forward is that we then draft the Election Day notice. We work with our bond attorney to draft the nine, ten, eleven questions that would be—the bond questions that would be on the ballot. Then of course this goes to the public for a general vote in October. Anticipating that we do not have a failure this year like we did with streets we would be able to start some of these projects as soon as the bonds are sold and we anticipate that January, February of '06. So that is sort of our timeframe. This is the next step and we do appreciate you taking time this morning.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: I have one question. So are we making a recommendation to the Mayor or the City Council because what we have on here doesn't coincide with the CIP?

MR. MONTOYA: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission your recommendations are transmitted to the Mayor for his consideration. He takes those into account and can make—I mean he bases some of his decisions on your recommendation but it is to the Mayor.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: So we are addressing the Mayor?

MR. MONTOYA: Yes sir.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you. Any other questions? Commissioner Klebesadel.

COMMISSIONER KLEBESADEL: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a question of clarification the Sixth Area Command Station being a lead building I did not understand whether if this budge was passed the way it is whether it would be a lead building or whether it would not be. Which is that

MR. MONTOYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner let me see if I can attempt to answer that. We are required to—the Sixth Area Command is required to meet all of the lead standards.

COMMISSIONER KLEBESADEL: Okay.

## EPC PUBLIC HEARING

---

MR. MONTOYA: So when we provide the budget to the architect that will design this facility for us those standards need to be taken into account. So we will fit the building into the budget that we currently have.

COMMISSIONER KLEBESADEL: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you Mr. Montoya. Mr. Brito do you have something?

MR. BRITO: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I just wanted to mention that the findings on page four of the staff report is an appropriate location to add additional direction or recommendations for this project as it goes up to the Mayor and the City Council. So just wanted to make sure you know that you are limited to those four findings and you can add additional recommendations and findings for this project.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: Thank you. Okay we will close the floor. Any discussion? Suggestions for additional findings? Motions?

COMMISSIONER JESIONOWSKI: Mr. Chairman I move for approval based on findings one through four.

COMMISSIONER KLEBESADEL: Second.

CHAIRMAN DEICHMANN: There is a motion by Commissioner Jesionowski, a second by Commissioner Klebesadel. Any further discussion? All in favor say "Aye"? All opposed? Motion passes unanimously.

### **FINAL ACTION TAKEN**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2005 the Environmental Planning Commission voted to recommend approval to the Mayor of Project 1002358/05EPC 00187, Decade Plan, based on the following Findings:

### **FINDINGS:**

1. This "Special Project Review" case is a request for review and comment by the public and for recommendations from the Environmental Planning Commission on the Mayor's proposed Decade Plan 2005-2014 and General Obligation Bond Program for the 2005 biennium.
2. This program furthers the intent, Goals and policies of the *Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan*.
3. This program conforms to the requirements of R-04-33; Enactment 24-2004 establishing policies and criteria for the selection of capital projects for the 2005 general obligation bond program / 2004-2014 Decade Plan.
4. The Urban Enhancement Trust Fund program conforms to the requirements of RoA, Article 2; Section 4-2-1-1 et seq.